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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the December 1 Hog Inventory and Pig Crop Report. Total inventory and pig crop are also reported for the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

*William R. Meyer
Director*

Idaho Hog Inventory, Pig Crop Unchanged

Idaho hog inventory on December 1, 2005 was unchanged from the inventory on December 1, 2004 at 21,000 head.

Breeding hogs increased from 3,000 head to 4,000 head while market hogs decreased from 18,000 to 17,000 over the past year. An estimated 3,900 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.72 pigs. The total pig crop for the year of 34,000 was also unchanged from the previous year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter. The Sept.-Nov. 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the Sept.-Nov. 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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